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On our return from the Christmas holidays we find ourselves in the beginning of the new year with our good new year's resolutions to keep us working hard for the coming mid-year examinations. The fellows all enjoyed their long vacation and do not seem any the worse for the good times they had while at home.

Delmar Warner, another one of last year's cadets, has also returned. Mr. Warner is popular among the cadets and we are all glad he is with us again.

Cadet Benzing has entered one of the schools in New Jersey and is very much missed by the fellows. Mr. Benzing was one of the most popular of cadets before Christmas and we hope that he will keep his good nature and winning ways in his new school.

Editorial

All but six of the boys returned and these six have entered other schools or are working at home. We wish them much success in their future undertakings.

Keyser Price of Washington and Lee University was with us for a couple of days this month; this making the second time Mr. Price has been with us since becoming a student at Washington and Lee. The "old boys" as well as faculty and principal appreciate these visits by the former students and we hope that those for whom it is convenient may visit us as often as possible.

George Cook, who did not begin work in September on account of sickness, has returned, and we are all glad to see him back. Mr. Cook was Orderly Sergeant of A Company last year, but this year holds the Captancy of B Company. He is most deserving of this honor and makes a capable officer.

QUEER HOW THINGS HAPPEN

Things never happen to keep truthful people from doing the things they say they are going to do. Things always happen to prevent the other kind of persons from doing the things they say they are going to do.

This matter of truthfulness is a

queer thing: You can always expect promptness and scrupulous care from truthful people. Somehow things always work out that way, and the thing comes to pass; while there is a class of people, who profess of course to be acting sincerely, yet who are always in the attitude of explaining why they were unable to do just the thing they had promised, and they go on from day to day and from year to year making the same old explanations with an air of sincerity as if they expected to be believed, possibly not realizing that people long since have taken their exact measure, and never expect anything to come around just as they promise: they know, in fact, that it will not come around and they know the ready explanations that will be made of the failure.

This is a pitiful state for any one to put himself in and yet how many there are who have allowed themselves to drift into it, until life with them is all a fiction. It requires decision of character to be truthful, but the habit once acquired gives such strength that one would not part with it at any price.—*Staunton Dispatch and News.*



The holidays are over, get busy.

..Athletics..

FIRST GAME WITH W. & L.

On January 14th our basket ball team left the Academy for Lexington, where they were to play the Washington and Lee team.

Some time before the time was called the hall was well filled with spectators. At eight-thirty the play was started and both teams were in for victory from the start. In the first half Krug and Gardner M. played good ball for us but were outclassed in goal throwing by Boyde and Barker of the opposing team. The first half ended with the score greatly in favor of W. and L.

In the second part Gardner M. took his old place at guard and Gardner W. went in as forward against Streit. Gardner W. played a fast and progressive game and got four field baskets. We had our opponents beat on team work but their forwards were fast and very accurate shots. All the boys played hard ball and the game was a good exhibition of basket ball. The final score was 44 to 17 in favor of W. and L.

The line-up was as follows:

W. and L.		A. M. A.
Boyde	rf.	Gardner, M.
		Gardner, W.
Barker	lf.	Krug
Osburne	c.	Spencer, Capt.
Smart }		
Izard }	rg	Venable
Streit	lg.	Frankenb'ger
		Gardner, M.

BASKET BALL

A. M. A., 29 ----- S. M. A., 21

At Ft. Defiance, January 18th, our team defeated S. M. A. in one of the most interesting games that has so far been played here. A. M. A. was anxious to beat their opponents to "even up things," and to hold up their end of the game this season. S. M. A. was as equally determined and the game was fast and snappy throughout.

Thompson, Maxwell and Straun played an excellent game for S. M. A., while all of our team did fine work.

In the first half S. M. A.'s centre, Apgar, was hurt and was some

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time recovering. He was, however, able to continue the game.

When the whistle blew for the end of the first half, both teams showed the effects of the game they had been playing and seemed to need a rest. Our boys were in the lead.

The second half started out lively, as both teams knew that this one would decide the game. Kables tried again and again to bring their score even with ours, but their efforts were in vain and our team kept the lead, scoring 29 to Kables 21.

The line-up was as follows:

A. M. A.		S. M. A.
Krug	lf.	Maxwell
Gardner, W.	rf.	Thompson, Capt.
Spencer, Capt.	c.	Apgar
F'kenberger	} lg.	Straun
Gardner, M.		
Venable	rg.	Liggett

SECOND TEAM WINS AGAIN

On Friday, January 24th, the A. M. A. Second Basket Ball Team triumphed over the Y. M. C. A. Second Team of Staunton by the score of 24 to 12. The visiting team was crippled, as one of their players was sick, but the visitors

showed good team work. However, they were simply outclassed and outplayed from start to finish.

The first half ended 14 to 5 for A. M. A. In the second half Captain Spencer shifted the team a little, giving Burdett and DeWitt a taste of the game.

The line-up was as follows:

A. M. A.		Y. M. C. A.
Pole	lf.	Loeb
Spencer	} lg.	Fifer
Burdett		
Clarkson	c.	Brewer
Gardner	rf.	Landes
Churchman	} rg.	Vollers
DeWitt		

Referee—Captain Spencer.

Timekeeper—Captain Wonder.

Time of Halves—20 minutes.

BASEBALL

ALREADY the lovers of the national game have begun to "loosen up," and it surely looks good to see the ball being passed between calls. It shows enthusiasm, and where there is enough spirit there's going to be a winning team.

Our season opens very early this spring and we must get down to regular practice just as soon as the weather permits. The schedule is

a good one, comprising the following games:

1. March twenty-eighth, Southern Collegiate Institute, at Ft. Defiance.
2. April third, Miller's School, at Miller's School.
3. April eleventh, Fishburne School, at Ft. Defiance.
4. April thirteenth (morning), Eastern College, at Front Royal.
5. April thirteenth (afternoon), Randolph-Macon Academy, at Front Royal.
6. April eighteenth, Bridgewater College, at Ft. Defiance.
7. April twenty-second, Staunton Military Academy, at Staunton.
8. April twenty-seventh, Fishburne School, at Waynesboro.
9. May fourth, Staunton Military Academy, at Ft. Defiance.
10. May ninth, Bridgewater College, at Bridgewater.
11. May eighteenth, Locust Dale, at Ft. Defiance.

Several changes have been made necessary, but we hope the dates as stated above are final. Let every man try his best so win a place on the team and we shall make the BAYONET columns fairly cry out "more space" for baseball news.

All honor to our basket ball team.

TOAST

Here's to the eyes that are thine,
Here's to the lips that are mine:
Our eyes have met,
Our lips not yet—
Here's hoping!

MOHLER - FULTON NUPTIALS

WE are pleased to give an account of the wedding of one of our old cadets—John Givens Fulton to Miss Olga Mohler, both of Grottoes, Va. They were married at 4 p. m., January 28, 1908, at Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church. Both the young people are very prominent in social circles, and the bride one of Virginia's fairest daughters. The ceremony was performed by their pastor, Rev. W. D. Burkehead. The attendants were: the bride's sister, Miss Gertrude Mohler, as maid of honor; the best man, Mr. Charles East. The ushers, Messrs. O. Price and William McCormick, Dr. Cannady and Prof. T. J. Roller of A. M. A. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for parts unknown.

Apply to room 31 for "a rub down."

SHYLOCK

(From Composition work in English Literature.)

NO man is able to do great and lasting things unless the conditions are ready for him and unless he has someone to prepare his way; so, when we think of Shakespeare, the greatest dramatist of all times, there comes to our minds the name of Marlowe, who, in many ways, made ready for Shakespeare's coming. Marlowe, with his tremendous imagination and earnestness, and his lifetime of expression, comes as a herald to announce the coming of William Shakespeare, "the man who carries the Saxon race in him by the inspiration which feeds him," the greatest interpreter of human nature.

As Marlowe is the forerunner of Shakespeare, so Barabas, the central figure in "The Jew of Malta," is the forerunner of Shakespeare's Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice." The two characters are in many points similar. They both lived on the shore of the Mediterranean; both had an enormous passion for money; and both had a daughter whose mother had died, and who was converted to Christianity. They are also widely different. Shylock is not an exact

copy of Barabas, for Shakespeare was too great a genius for such a thing as that. Therefore, he draws upon his personal acquaintance with the race, and, as a result, created a much truer and more human character than Marlowe had succeeded in making.

In "The Merchant of Venice," Shakespeare tries to give us a glimpse of the life as it was lived in the busy city of Venice, and he does it so naturally and vividly that we take an eager interest in the joys and sorrows of the people whose lives he portrays. All the characters are distinctly and clearly drawn, but Shylock, the Jew, stands out in our minds as a figure unique and individual, perhaps one of the best known of Shakespeare's characters. Shylock here is one of the several central figures, and, unlike Barabas, he is a real man; although his nature is deformed and dwarfed by his miserly passion, he is, nevertheless, a human being and not a type.

Shylock is not nearly so gigantic a character as Barabas, but he is much more real; he speaks and acts as we imagine man in such conditions would do. He has a true affection for Jessica, his daughter, and speaks of his dead wife with real tenderness. Although he is

the villian of the play and acts with great cruelty, yet we cannot withhold our sympathy from him, for his motives are altogether human.

I do not think that Shakespeare meant either to attack or to defend the Jew, who all through the middle ages was an object of hatred and contempt. But, Shakespeare attempts to show him exactly as he was, not heaping insults upon him, but, through greatness of heart, adding those human touches which keep us from hating Shylock and compel us to offer him our sympathy and pity. Some critics think that the play illustrates different ideas of regarding the law, and in this connection, Shylock is supposed to represent the Hebrew idea of carrying out the letter of the law. "I stand here for law," were the words of Shylock, and he did not move from his position until he had, at the hand of Portia, received the law, but interpreted so strictly to the letter that he lost his point altogether.

As there are different ideas as to Shylock's place and meaning in the play, so are there many interpretations of his character. We know that when the play begins, he is an old man, probably sixty years of age, and has settled in Venice where

the law permits him to carry on his business in security. To some he is simply a murderer and a miser, always thinking of the enormous power money will bring him, and of some evil he can do to others. It seems to me, however, that this is not the correct interpretation of his character. He may be a miser, but certainly no ordinary one, for he possesses great intellect and thinks of other things besides his money. Pride in his race occupies half of his thoughts, for we see that, in spirit, he is continually back in Palestine and cherishes always a lively hatred for the Christians. To me, he is not a cold murderer, cherishing "motiveless malignity." On the contrary, the motives of his cruelty and hatred of the Christians have been growing for years. His thirst for revenge is due to centuries of persecutions by people whom he considers his inferiors, to injured patriotism and to personal insults. He stands as a strong, impressive figure, alone in the world, cut off from the world and from kindness, struggling desperately against foes on every side. He is shrewd, calculating and cruel, but we cannot altogether hate him, for we realize that he has an extraordinary strength of feeling and energy, and might have been a noble

man if only his energy had been turned in the right direction.

In thinking of old Shylock, we cannot help pitying him and sympathizing with him in the insatiable thirst for revenge which overcomes even his love for money.

G. G. H., Ky., '08.

Rubel said the girls at home call him Dear "Mannie."

Spencer says they call him the "Sunbeam of Lexington."

Captain Roller was talking to a young lady who weighed about 300 pounds, and this conversation was heard:

Captain—"Do you remember the time you fell out of the apple tree and I caught you?"

She—"Yes, and do you remember the time you fell into the well and I pulled you out by your *long golden locks*?"

Rubel was at a small station on a large railroad where the fast trains did not stop, so he telegraphed ahead that an *important* party wanted to get on.

And the train stopped.

GOOD LITERATURE

Banore reads "Tip Top."

Gardner M., he does, too.

Kit Carson enjoys "Diamond Dick,"

And so does lead pencil Lee.

THE DEER SLAYER'S MISTAKE

WHEN Blandy C. was traveling on a fast Pullman he saw a bell rope dangling in the centre of the car, so he asked a young man what it was. He said it was to pull when you wanted something to eat. After a few minutes Blandy pulled it and as the train was in the midst of a trestle the engineer put on brakes and the wheels "skeeted" on the rails. The conductor inquired who pulled the cord. "I did," said Blandy, "and you may bring me a cup of coffee and a ham sandwich."

Jack ann Gill went up the hill

To fetch a pail of beer;

Jack got drunk and with a plunk

Fell down and spilt the cheer.

"Now I lay me down to sleep

In my little bunk;

Hope I die before I wake,

And thus escape a flunk."

..Barracks..

BARRACKS NEWS

IT is feared that if a certain young lady, visiting at the Academy, does not soon make her decision that there will be a regular "love fued" between Sergeant Hatten and Corporal Nelson. A rock battle is reported to have taken place on last Sunday night. No one was "hit" but the lady's heart was sorely touched.

Who is the visiting lady always seen at the parlor window after each formation? Ask Nelson, or Hatten may know.

Each company still shows good military form regardless of the winter season. The companies were put through Butts' Manual Drill on several days last week by their cadet captains.

We are pleased to give the "glad hand" of welcome to Cadets Frank- enberber and Bush.

The following is section III. of order No. 29 published last Tuesday:

III. The following promotions and appointments are made in the

Corps of Cadets and must be obeyed and respected accordingly:

To be Second Lieutenant, Cadet T. M. Magee.

To be First Sergeant, Cadet D. W. Warner.

To be Quartermaster-Sergeant, Cadet E. M. Sites.

To be Sergeants, Cadets Thomas and Bertram.

To be Corporals, Cadets Yates, Clarkson, Krug and Holmes.

By order

MAJOR C. S. ROLLER, JR.

We notice lately that there is now seldom ever a case of "trifling in ranks" since the Major has come down on us for three hours "penalty duty" for each offense.

Basket ball seems all the rage now. This is due to two facts: first, because we have a winning team, and the second and more important reason is, that our captain and coach, Captain Charles Spencer, is always ready to play, and this gives the team all kinds of enthusiasm, for they have confidence in his system and recognize his playing abilities.

The snow we had several weeks ago was very much enjoyed by the Corps in that we had great sport coasting each afternoon and night after study hours. "Prof. Tom's" fine guiding around through the ditches gave "Crick" wet pants and Captain Spindle a few stitches. Mr. Yarborough, in attempting to take Miss McCue over the "Loop de Loop," brought forth the "long yell" from the onlooking cadets when he very gracefully landed her in the old water ram pit "end for end."



SOME OF THE OCCUPANTS OF "NEW BARRACKS"

(1)

Studious, ambitious, and energetic,
But if he keeps it up, he'll soon re-
gret it.

(2)

Long, lanky, lean and tall,
Who thinks himself above us all.

(3)

The good little boy, who never gets
stuck,
And when he does, he calls it hard
luck.

(4)

Languid and sleepy wherever he
goes,

And how much he sleeps, *he* only
knows.

(5)

Rosy complexion, and coal black
hair,
And if anything is doing he is al-
ways there,

(6)

Fat, jovial, and full of fun,
And in raising sand he's a son-of-a-
gun.

(7)

He has a voice like a blue jay bird,
For to hear him sing is something
absurd.

(8)

Heart-broken over love affairs,
Which will cause poor — many
grey hairs.

(9)

King Jake, so he is sometimes called,
Who cannot converse without get-
ting stalled.

(10)

With reddish hair, and complexion
the same,
He's as meek as the tiger, and some-
times as tame.

(11)

With large piercing eyes, and mind
as bright
As any star that shines at night.

Y. M. C. A.

SINCE Christmas the Y. M. C. A. ranks have be gladdened and, we believe, strengthened, by at least two things: first, the visit of Mr. McNeill, who came in that buoyancy and good cheer so characteristic of him, and who talked to us in a most wholesome and helpful way for a short time on Thursday night, January 16th. We are hoping to have Mr. McNeill back here for several days in early March.

Then Captain Spencer presented on last Sunday night the subject of daily Bible study, and upon asking that all who wished to join his class make it known found a practically unanimous response. So a class of about twenty-five fellows are taking up the study of "Men of the Old Testament" and will meet for half an hour once a week for conference and discussion under the leadership of one of the professors.

Why not give half an hour to the Y. M. C. A. meeting every Sunday evening?

Everybody seemed to enjoy the singing at last Sunday's service. It had life in it. Everybody come and help us at the next meeting.

"BOYS AMONG US."

1. Found in the kitchen.
2. A foreign coin.
3. Found in the woodyard.
4. A deadly weapon and a preposition.
5. Part of a wagon.
6. Something miraculous.
7. Something seen by us every day at 1-10 of 100.
8. President of one of the British Isles.
9. Necessary for the cultivation of vegetables.
10. A word used very much in battle.
11. Three-fourths of the earth.
12. Kind of tax.
13. Not weak.
14. Condensed milk manufacturer.
15. What Herby Yates has plenty of.
16. A bird and a pronoun.
17. Necessary for horses.

Equality may be all right, but no human power can convert it into a fact.

Mistery of Algebra I. Why did Major Roller ask Welch if he knew every thing had a tail. For answer apply to Frankenburger.

PERSONAL

Why does "Billy Hatten" go to Grottoes?

So Spindle will miss the buggy rides this spring. Why?

A new cadet, Wolfe Bush, arrived January 26th from Washington. He is a very small "rat," but, then, he will grow.

Prof. T. J. Roller has gone to attend the Mohler-Fulton wedding. We hope he will not catch any foolish matrimonial notions while away.

We miss our genial postmaster every now and then and it is reported that he goes to Staunton (?) for his health. We wonder what the trouble is, and why "Frank" always comes back via the Norfolk and Western with his friend, Kilian, of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harman, of above Staunton, came down January 26th and spent the day at A. M. A. with their cousin, Cadet Harman.

It is requested that the cadets of rooms 11 and 13 would be more careful when throwing water. To be sure and pour it on the cadets

and not on the ladies. [By special request of Venable, Warner, Nelson and Hatten].

Yates' best girl is either tired of writing or her feelings are beyond expressing in mere words, so she sends him daily letters containing blank sheets. I wonder if he understands.

MUSICAL CLUB

THE young ladies of this neighborhood have recently organized a musical club. Object unknown. For if music will soothe the savage beast they are not doing their duty, as all the savages are omitted from their roll; at least, none of the cadets have been invited to be soothed. But perhaps they are practicing up and will give a grand finale which will tame the whole tribe of man at once.

Here's hoping.

Cadets S.—"They say that travel broadens a man."

Cadet V.—"Oh, well! I don't know; Nelson has been a street car conductor for two years and he is not nearly as broad as Doss, who has not traveled so much."

OUR BASKET BALL TEAM

A. M. A. has a basket ball team,
Which is a regular peach,
And if you buck up to them
A lesson they will you teach.

Come down, my friends,
And give us just a little show,
And when we finish up with you,
You'll feel like so much dough.

We play fair ball,
And fairest of all—
We give every man his right;
But if you get huffy,
Or somewhat bluffy,
We can also give you a fight.

I say not this to scare you,
But to bring you one and all,
For I think that every school boy
Wants to see square ball.

So come with your voices ringing,
Reechoing through the air,
For when we finish up with you
You'll crawl back in your lair.



NONSENSE

Why didn't Noah play cards?
Answer—Because he sat on the
deck.

It is said that Noah never took
his children to see the animals in a
circus.

Major R. (in algebra class):
“James S., what is the square root
of 36?”

James S.: “It aint got none,
Captain.”

Major R.: “Well, then, J.,
what is the square root of 12,
2 and 6?”

For the sake of the “old alumni”
we will say that Cadets still
call molasses *Jack*; dessert is still
Boss or *Liz*; and we are sorry that
there are some of us that still *Lay*
in when we are “Sick”??

Why did Sawyer “lay in” for
three days? I wonder if his trip
to the Mt. Sidney school had any-
thing to do with it.

Captain R.: “Stout, what is a
perpendicular to the earth?”

Stout: “A line running in the
same direction as the earth.”

Why is it that Nelson has been
wearing his overcoat to tattoo for
the last two weeks?

For answer apply to Clarkson.

“You New Yorkers never seem
to know anything about the rest of
the country,” said the visitor.

“The rest of the country?” eched
the New Yorker, “What’s
that?”

Captain Spencer—Mr. Tucker,
why have you got gloves on in
classroom?

Tucker (sheepishly)—To keep
warm.

The gardener, by special atten-
tion, has made the Stoker of our
Roundtree very Stout and it is
something we may feel very
proud of.

HELLO, PAT!

“Me moind,” said O’Grady, “is not
very clear
As to whether Oi’m there, or if you
are here.
Of wan thing O’im certain, O’im
never alone
Whoilst chattin’ wid you on the
long distance phone.”

A First Sergeant’s Feeling After
a Fifteen-Mile March

No big marches for me more,
I got mine until I’m sore;
So I’ll lead no more parades
And be handed lemonades.
Gee, whiz! I’m glad I’m free—
No leadership for me.

“Who said our first captain was
made of rubber?”

A CADET

A bold young cadet with “little
feet”
Went to a party arrayed in a sheet.
Across the street, ’neath the shade
of a tree,
Sat four young maids whom he
went to see.
They guessed who he was, but all
in vain;
For he would not dare to tell his
name.

II

He finally thought to make his
flight
So ran down the turnpike with all
his might.
By the curious maids he was closely
pursued,
For running away from them was
surely rude.

III

But on reaching the barracks, oh,
my! how they squealed.
His identity was to them plainly
revealed;
For, while so hastily making re-
treat,
He had lost his mask and torn off
his sheet.

The coasting is now fine.

Old A. M. A. is now well guarded,
 For come there when you will,
 You'll find a score or more cadets,
 A tramping up and down the hill;
 And the first thing that strikes a
 stranger
 At seeing so many on guard,
 "Must there not be some great
 danger?"
 So they hardly dare enter the yard.
 Question—Is it harder on the
 stranger or the guard.

VERY EVIDENT

Captain Wonder: Doss, why is
 it that you are always so cold and
 none of the rest of the class is?
 Doss: Because there is more of
 me to heat.

Little boy DeWitt don't blow your
 horn,
 For then Monk will have to leave
 Miss—— all forlorn.
 He will have to hike him off to
 bed,
 And dream of the nice things he
 might have said.

"What made Tate Sterrett blush
 at the Fort the other day?"
 The girls with the opera glasses.

Rat—What is Taps?
 Venable—Bugle at ten o'clock
 for lights out.

Rat—I thought it was the noise
 that "The Visitor" makes on the
 bay-window knocking for "Skinny"
 and Hatten.

Hope's a magical compound
 To increase our strength, we've
 found.
 It can charm our biggest problems
 quite away.
 With its impulse which we bor-
 row,
 We can always do to-morrow
 Even whole lots more than we can
 do to-day.

Magee has edited a revision of
 the "Manual of the Sword." Ar-
 ticle 23 explains how to right
 shoulder sword.

Bonnave—"Yes, sir, Welch,
 you're a Mexican, because you
 were born in Mexico."

Warner—"Then, according to
 your idea, Gabriel, if a litter of
 kittens are born in an oven they
 are buscuits, aren't they?"

Why does the new barracks crowd have a farmyard festival every night?

To keep "Farmer" Churchman from getting homesick.

"If anybody wants to know anything about cats go to Tate Sterrett."

Major Roller (in Physics) — "Mr. Lora, why does the moon appear flat to us?"

Lora — "Because the earth is flat, sir."

Major Roller — "Bonnave, if Gardner M. were to borrow \$12 from you, agreeing to pay \$1 at the end of each month, how much would he owe you at the end of the year?"

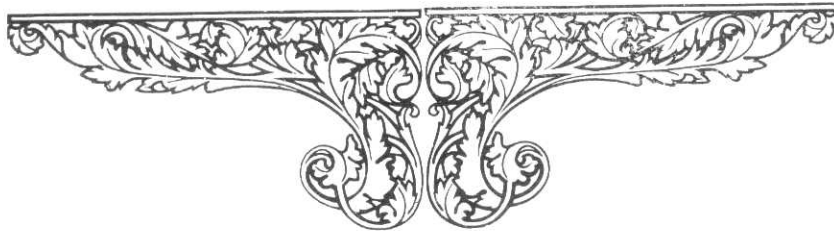
Bonnave — "Twelve dollars, sir."

Major Roller — "Why, you don't know even the elements of arithmetic."

Bonnave — "But I know Gardner, sir."

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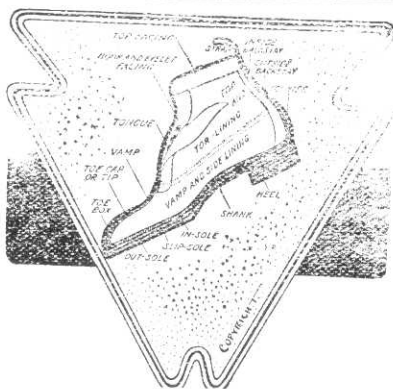
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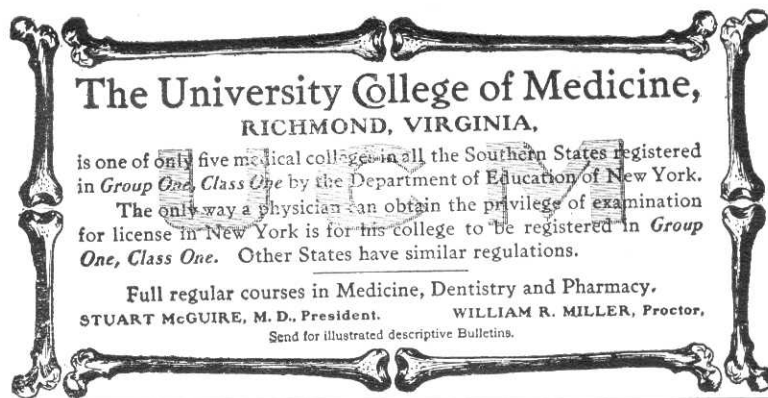


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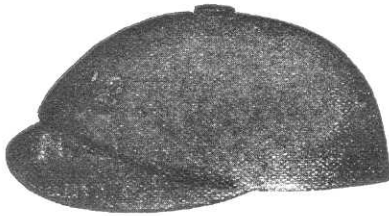
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